



## ***Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act<sup>1</sup>*** **Defense-Related Provisions**

The *CARES Act* includes \$10.5 billion for the Department of Defense to support the military's response to the Coronavirus and ensure we protect our forces during this vulnerable time in our history. Notable appropriations are listed below.

### **National Guard and Defense Health**

- **\$1.5 billion:** National Guard support for the Department of Defense, and the States and Territories for emergency deployments of Guard personnel.
- **\$1.8 billion:** Medical care and countermeasures to address increased healthcare issues for service-members, dependents, and retirees.
- **\$1.6 billion:** Military healthcare system direct care capacity for expansion of military treatment facilities to ensure maximum capacity.
- **\$1.1 billion:** Defense private sector care.
- **\$415 million:** Supports the development of vaccines, anti-virals, 24/7 lab operations, and procurement of diagnostic tests.

### **Defense Industrial Base**

- **\$1.45 Billion** - Defense Working Capital Funds as Defense Logistics Agency and military service work to mitigate impact on production lines, depots, and labs.
- **\$1 Billion** - Defense Production Act to increase access to materials necessary for national security and pandemic recovery

### **Cutting Red Tape:**

- Removes \$1 billion cap on advance billings for working capital funds
- Removes incurred cost limit on progress payments under undefinitized contract actions
- Removes restrictions on Department of Defense usage of undefinitized contract action

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